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For: OXYGEN SENSOR DETERIORATION DETECTION APPARATUS

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In reply to the October 16, 2007 Patent Office communication, and further to a telephone interview conducted on October 9, 2007, with Examiner Olsen, consideration of the December 6, 2006, Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested.

The October 16, 2007 Patent Office communication asserts that Applicant filed an Information Disclosure Statement on October 10, 2007, and requests an IDS fee. However, an Information Disclosure Statement fee, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p), is not required and is not applicable for the Request for Consideration of Disclosed Information (Request) filed October 10, 2007. In particular, what was submitted along with the Request was not a new Information Disclosure Statement. Rather it was a courtesy copy of a previously submitted IDS (filed on December 6, 2006). Thus, no IDS fee was required.

Should there be any questions concerning this communication, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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